

Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



January 2018

January 1 – Angelus (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – World Day of Peace) – Translated extract (January 1, 2018, Vatican.va).

On the first page of the calendar of the New Year that the Lord has given us, the Church places, as a splendid illumination, the liturgical solemnity of Mary Most Holy. On this first day of the solar year, we fix our gaze on her, to resume, under her maternal protection, the journey along the paths of time.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2018/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20180101.html

January 3 – General Audience –Translated extract (January 3, 2018, Zenit.org).

After the confession of sin, we beseech the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels and the Saints to pray to the Lord for us.

January 6 – Angelus on the Feast of the Epiphany –Translated conclusion (January 6, 2018, Vatican.va).

Let us invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, star of pilgrim humankind throughout time. With her maternal help, may every person come to Christ, Light of Truth, and may the world advance along the path of justice and peace.

January 7– Angelus (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord) –Translated conclusion (January 7, 2018, Vatican.va).

Let us invoke the maternal protection of Mary Most Holy, that all Christians can understand ever better the gift of baptism and commit to living it with coherence, witnessing to the love of the Father and of the Son and of the Spirit.

January 8 – Pope Francis' Speech to Diplomatic Corps (Exchange of New Year's greetings) –Translated conclusion (January 8, 2018, Zenit.org).

There I witnessed the enthusiastic and joyful faith that the Virgin Mary roused in the many pilgrims assembled for the occasion.

January 14 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (January 14, 2018, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary support us in this prospect of following Jesus, of going to abide where he lives, in order to listen to his Word of life, to adhere to him who takes away the sin of the world, to recover in him hope and spiritual impulse.

January 14 – Pope Repeats Call to Welcome Migrants (homily on World Day of Migrants and Refugees) –Translated conclusion (January 14, 2018, Zenit.org).

To the maternal intercession of Mary Most Holy, we entrust the hopes of all the world's migrants and refugees and the aspirations of the communities, which welcome them.

January 16 – Chile: Pope Reminds Bishops they are Part of God's People (meeting with bishops of Chile in the sacristy of the Cathedral of Santiago) –Translated conclusion (January 16, 2018, Zenit.org).

Dear brothers, let us commend ourselves to loving protection of Mary, Mother of Chile.

January 16 – Pope Talks of Peter in Meeting Religious, Consecrated Seminarians (with priests, religious men, and women, consecrated and seminarians in the Cathedral of Santiago) –Translated conclusion (January 16, 2018, Zenit.org).

May Our Lady of Mount Carmel cover you with her mantle.

January 16 – Pope Asks Mary's Aid to Women in Prison (Visit to the Female Central Penitentiary of Santiago) –Translated conclusion (January 16, 2018, Zenit.org).

Mary is our Mother and we are her children, you are her daughters. We ask her to intercede for you, for each of your children and your dear ones. May she cover you with her mantle. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/pope-asks-marys-aid-to-women-in-prison/>

January 16 – Pope's Homily During Mass in Santiago, Chile –Translated conclusion (January 16, 2018, Zenit.org).

Let us commend ourselves to Mary Immaculate, who from Cerro San Cristóbal watches over and accompanies this city.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-homily-during-mass-in-santiago-chile-full-text/>

January 16 – Pope's Address to Chilean Authorities, Diplomatic Corps (Santiago, Chile) –Translated conclusion (January 16, 2018, Zenit.org).

I pray that Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mother and Queen of Chile, will continue to accompany and bring to birth the dreams of this blessed nation.

January 17 – Pope’s Message for 800th Anniversary of Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy –Translated conclusion (January 17, 2018, Zenit.org).

The second protagonist in this triptych is the Holy Virgin, Our Lady of Mercy or, as she is also called, of Remedy and Grace in our needs, which we entreat from God and trust in her powerful intercession.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-message-for-800th-anniversary-of-order-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-of-mercy/>

January 17 – Pope’s Simple Test for Youth: What Would Jesus Do? (To youth gather at the Shrine of Maipú in Santiago, Chile) –Translated extract (January 17, 2018, Zenit.org).

A home for Chile, a home for you, dear young people, where Our Lady of Carmel waits for you and welcomes you with an open heart.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-simple-test-for-youth-what-would-jesus-do/>

January 18 – Pope’s Homily during Mass in Iquique, Chile –Translated extract (January 18, 2018, Zenit.org).

In this festive atmosphere, the Gospel shows us how Mary acts to make that joy continue. She is attentive to everything going on around her; like a good mother, she does not sit still.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-homily-during-mass-in-iquique-chile-full-text/>

January 19 – Pope’s Address to Population at Jorge-Basadre-Institute in Peru – Translated extract (January 19, 2018, Zenit.org).

This area has a beautiful name: Madre de Dios, Mother of God. How can I not speak of Mary, a young woman who lived in a remote, isolated village, also considered by many to be a “no man’s land”.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-address-to-population-at-jorge-basadre-institute-in-peru/>

January 20 – Pope’s Address at Marian Celebration – Virgen De La Puerta in Plaza de Armas (Trujillo, Peru) –Translated extract (January 20, 2018, Zenit.org).

She is a mother who knows the heart of her Peruvian children from the north and from so many other places; she has seen your tears, your laughter, and your desires. In this square, we want

to cherish the memory of a people that knows that Mary is a Mother who does not abandon her children.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-address-at-marian-celebration-virgen-de-la-puerta-in-plaza-de-armas/>

January 20 – Pope’s Homily during Mass in Huanchaco, Peru –Translated extract (January 20, 2018, Zenit.org).

I know of the love that this land has for the Virgin, and I know how devotion to Mary always sustains you and lifts you up to Jesus.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-homily-during-mass-in-huanchaco-peru-full-text/>

January 20 – Holy Father’s address to the Meeting with the Priests, Religious Men and Women and Seminarians of the Ecclesiastical Provinces of Northern Peru (Peru) – Translated extract (January 20, 2018, Zenit.org).

Your people have demonstrated an immense love of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, and your saints and blessed ...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-address-to-priests-religious-seminarians-of-northern-peru/>

January 21 – Holy Father’s Prayer before Relics of Peruvian Saints (Cathedral of Lima, Peru) –Translated conclusion (January 21, 2018, Zenit.org).

... so that, protected by the intercession of Our Lady of Evangelization, we may live the joy of the Gospel and proclaim it before the world.

January 21 – Angelus (“Plaza de Armas” square, Lima) –Translated extract (January 21, 2018, Vatican.va).

And the response I want it to be also directed to our Mother: “Mother, beloved Blessed Virgin, look at the love I have in my heart, is it little? Is it much? I do not know if it is love”.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2018/documents/papa-francesco_angelus-peru_20180121.html

January 24 – General Audience: On Apostolic Visit to Peru and Chile –Translated extract (January 24, 2018, Zenit.org).

And among these roots there is the popular devotion to the Virgin Mary. Again, in Trujillo a Marian celebration was held in which I crowned the Virgin of the Gate, proclaiming her “Mother of Mercy and Hope”.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/general-audience-on-apostolic-visit-to-peru-and-chile/>

January 28 – Pope’s Homily for Feast of Translation of ‘Salus Populi Romani’ Marian Icon (in the Papal Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore) –Translated extract (January 28, 2018, Zenit.org).

As a people of God on their way, we are here to stand in the temple of the Mother. The presence of the Mother makes this temple a family home to us children.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-homily-for-feast-of-translation-of-salus-populi-romani-marian-icon/>

January 28 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (January 28, 2018, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary, the woman of listening, help us to create silence around us and within us, in order to hear, through the din of the messages of the world, the most authoritative word that there is: that of her Son Jesus who proclaims the meaning of our existence and delivers us from all slavery, even that of the Evil one.